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AMENDEMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract at paragraph [00242] with the following amended Abstract:

[00242]—~~The present invention discloses a system~~ Systems and methods for biometric security using vascular pattern recognition biometrics in a transponder-reader system are disclosed. The biometric security system also includes a vascular scan sensor that detects biometric samples and a device for verifying biometric samples. ~~In one embodiment, the~~ An exemplary biometric security system includes a transponder configured with a vascular scan sensor. ~~In another embodiment, the~~ Another exemplary system includes a reader configured with a vascular scan sensor. ~~In yet another embodiment, the present invention discloses methods for~~ An exemplary method includes proffering and processing vascular scan samples to facilitate authorization of transactions.